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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
BARTH, Hans-Joachim, et al.)
Serial No. *not assigned*) Examiner: *not assigned*
National application based on PCT/DE03/01205) Group Art Unit No. *not assigned*
Filing Date: October 19, 2004)
For METHOD FOR FABRICATING THIN)
METAL-CONTAINING LAYERS)
HAVING LOW ELECTRICAL)
RESISTANCE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.